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Richmond High School teachers travel to Washington DC for Freedom Writer Symposium



Richmond, Ind. (May 1, 2015) – In celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Freedom Writers, their teacher, Erin Gruwell, is hosting an international educational event called the Freedom Writers Empowerment Symposium in Washington, DC from May 2-5, 2015 to commemorate National Teacher Appreciation Day on May 5, 2015. From Saturday evening, May 2 to Tuesday, May 5, Erin Gruwell, 24 original Freedom Writers,

and the Freedom Writers Foundation will be hosting a professional development program for 150 educators, affectionately known as “Freedom Writer Teachers” from every state in the nation and a dozen countries.

Currently, there are only six Freedom Writer Teachers in the state on Indiana, and three of them teach locally at Richmond High School. Kate Hogg, Michelle Holliday, and Josh Amyx will travel to Washington DC on Saturday morning to represent their Alma mater at the national level and advocate for educational reform.

Find out more about their plans and how you can help the Freedom Writers succeed in Washington, DC here: www.indiegogo.com/projects/sponsor-the-freedom-writers. Follow on Facebook to see live pictures from their trip to Washington, DC: <https://www.facebook.com/freedomwritersfoundation>

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